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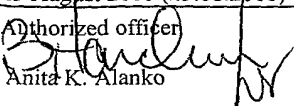
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/US04/31288

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-13 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages 14-20 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1/3-3/3 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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** If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."*

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.
PCT/US04/31288**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>4-27</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-3</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>6, 7, 11-13, 15-27</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-5, 8-10, 14</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-27</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claim 1 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US-20020033381 A1.

US 20020033381 A1 discloses a used PVD component refurbishing method (see abstract, [0001]-[0004], [0010]-[0033], [0050]-[0055], [0059]-[0071], [0083], claims and figures) comprising:

providing a used PVD component having a layer deposited on a component surface (see [0004]);
first etching the deposited layer using a first acid-comprising etchant (see [0051]);
after the first etching, entraining abrasive particles in a flow of gas, impinging the particles on the etched layer, and abrading the etched layer (see [0054]); and
after the abrading, second etching the abraded layer using a second acid-comprising etchant (see [0059]).

Claims 2-5 and 8 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over US-20020033381 A1 in view of EP 1178133 A. D2

Claims 2 and 3 attempt to define the subjected matter by a result to be achieved, rather than how the effect is to be achieved, and as such do not distinguish the claimed invention.

The additional features of claims 4, 5 and 8 have already been employed in a used PVD component refurbishing method (see EP 1178133 paragraphs 1-4, 16, 19-22, 27, claims and figures). It would therefore be obvious to the person skilled in the art, to apply these features to a used PVD component refurbishing method according to US 20020033381 A1, thereby arriving at a method according to any of claims 4, 5 and 8.

Claims 9-10 and 14 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over US-20020033381 A1 in view of US 5565058. D3

The additional features of claims 9-10 and 14 have already been employed in a used PVD component refurbishing method (see US 5565058 abstract, col.3, lines 1-5, col.4, lines 4-6). It would therefore be obvious to the person skilled in the art, to apply these features to a used PVD component refurbishing method according to US 20020033381 A1, thereby arriving at a method according to any of claims 10 and 14.

Claims 6, 7, 11-13 and 15-27 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the additional features cited in claims 6, 7, 11-13 and 15-27.

Claims 1-27 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----